

## SNOW MORE SNOW



**SNOWFALL** totals around Hopkins County ranged from 18-21 inches. On this driveway at Meadows Hill Drive the depth of the snow was a bit more than 19 1/2 inches.

**ROBERT RODRIQUEZ** begins clearing snow in order to move his automobile on South Main Street Thursday, March 5, while Mike Russell clears snow in the downtown section of Dawson Springs. The city was clobbered by almost two feet of snow which began falling as sleet during the afternoon of Wednesday, March 4, and continued as heavy snow until near daybreak Thursday.

## City, State Buried By Second Big Snow

By Carolyn Walker

Spring may be only days away, but the winter weather continues to dominate the news and the lives of Kentuckians. A second winter storm in less than a month hit the state March 4, arriving in Dawson Springs that afternoon. A mix of sleet and heavy snow lost no time creating havoc with road conditions. Local and area schools were closed again after just a few days back in class.

Gov. Steve Beshear declared a state of emergency

— also the second in less than a month.

“Two significant winter storms nearly back-to-back are rare in Kentucky and pose a challenge for our emergency management teams, road crews and local emergency responders. This emergency declaration will allow us to deploy any needed state assistance, including National Guard troops if necessary, without delay,” Beshear said in a press release.

Rain and sleet, which preceded the snow in many areas, prevented crews from

pretreating the roads. By 8:30 p.m. last Wednesday, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet reported that snowfall exceeded one inch per hour. Highway crews worked in blizzard-like conditions with pavement temperatures near the point at which salt loses effectiveness. Plows were used in an attempt to keep roads passable, but blowing snow re-covered the roadways within 20 minutes of being cleared. Wind caused drifting and covered any tire tracks. Visibility was reduced to a few hundred

yards at times.

The extreme weather conditions Wednesday night and early Thursday morning resulted in several road closures in the area. Kentucky State Police reported five closures on interstates and parkways in the Post 2 area. Numerous accidents involving semi trucks were reported.

A double-trailer semi crashed on the southbound lanes of I-69 in Hopkins County, blocking both southbound lanes for several hours. Although, motorists could attempt to detour

around the crash by U.S. 62 between Nortonville and Dawson Springs, travel was extremely difficult. Travel conditions across Western Kentucky were described as “brutal,” and motorists were advised by KYTC to “find a safe place and stay there.”

Two trucks jackknifed in the westbound lanes of I-24 in Lyon County, blocking the westbound section between mile markers 46 and 60. Multiple crashes and slide offs occurred in

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### PENNYRILE NATURE TRAIL

## Hike Still On For Saturday

By Carolyn Walker

The Dawson Springs Chamber of Commerce met Tuesday in city council chambers. Members present updated the calendar of events.

Saturday’s hike of the Pennyrile Nature Trail is still on the schedule, but the weather is being watched closely.

The Tradewater River Board will meet at 10 a.m. March 19 at city hall.

The membership drive for the Dawson

Springs Museum and Art Center will kickoff March 19 with a chili luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Katherine Barnett room at the branch library.

Dates for SUDS, the Spruce Up Dawson Springs campaign, were set for April 15–26. Student and staff volunteers from the schools will participate in a special work project on April 17.

Several events were reviewed for up-

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### IN HOME SMOKE ALARMS

## Time To Change Batteries

The Kentucky State Fire Marshal is reminding Kentuckians to change the batteries in each of their home’s smoke alarms.

“Early warning is the first line of defense in escaping a fire,” said William Swope, director of the Public Protection Cabinet’s Di-

vision of Fire Prevention and the state’s fire marshal. “Without a working smoke detector to issue an early warning, occupants can become trapped by deadly smoke and heat as the fire spreads quickly throughout a home, blocking escape routes.”

Smoke detectors should be on every floor of the home, including the basement, and in each sleeping area.

“The bottom line is smoke detectors can save the lives of your family

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**FIVE-YEAR-OLD Faith Linville and 16-year-old Brooklyn Linville** add the finishing touches to a snowman on East Keigan Street Friday, March 6.

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LOCAL 5 DAY FORECAST				
Wed 3/11	Thu 3/12	Fri 3/13	Sat 3/14	Sun 3/15
 <b>65/43</b> Areas of fog early, then partly cloudy in the afternoon. High near 65F.	 <b>65/53</b> Chance of afternoon showers. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the low 50s.	 <b>64/54</b> Mainly cloudy and rainy. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the mid 50s.	 <b>64/42</b> Morning clouds followed by afternoon sun.	 <b>58/37</b> Sunshine. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the upper 30s.

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## Aquaculture Workshop Offered At Princeton

The Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service will host two workshops in aquatic weed control and pond management March 20-21 in Princeton. Ponds are important to Kentucky farmers and recreationalists. The state's more than 233,000 farm ponds serve as water sources for livestock and crops and may be great spots for recreational fishing. Landowners can help these water systems reach their full potential with proper management.

Bill Wurts, Forrest Wynne and Bob Durborow, aquaculture extension specialists with Kentucky State University, will lead both trainings at the University of Kentucky Research and Education Center.

The specialists will present Aquatic Weed Control Training from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 20. The training will emphasize proper chemical selection, applicator techniques, safety and record keeping. Additional discussion topics include aquatic plant and algae identification, methods of algae control and herbicide and algicide use. Pesticide applicator

continuing education units will be available for three specific hours in category 5 and two general hours for categories 10 and 12.

During the farm and recreational pond management workshop March 21 from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., KSU extension aquaculture specialists will help landowners learn how to manage their ponds better. Participants will get a broad perspective about effective management techniques for ponds used for agricultural purposes and recreational fishing. Discussion topics include pond safety, water quality, managing fish populations, fish health, proper site selection, construction methods and control of unwanted aquatic plants.

Both events are free and open to the public. Though preregistration is not required, registration will ensure that participants receive workshop materials.

To register, contact Wurts at 270-365-7541, ext. 200 or [wwurts@uky.edu](mailto:wwurts@uky.edu) or Wynn at 270-247-2334 or [fwynne@email.uky.edu](mailto:fwynne@email.uky.edu).

## Pest Management Training Set At Princeton Center

At this year's Integrated Pest Management Training, hosted by the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, presenters will discuss issues likely to impact Kentucky grain producers now and in the future.

The training will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 24 at the UK Research and Education Center in Princeton.

UKAg specialists will discuss herbicide resistant weeds, insects, the use of biosolids on farmlands and new technology for scouting and monitoring. State apiarist Tammy Horn will present the 2014 Kentucky bee report and informa-

tion on 2015 bee legislation and on cover crop grants offered in Midwestern states that may prove useful to Kentucky.

The program is approved for five continuing education units for Certified Crop Advisers, which include three in pest management and one each in nutrient management and professional development. Pesticide applicators can receive two general and one specific continuing education hour in categories 1A, 4, 10 and 12.

The complete agenda for the free training is available on the IPM website at <http://www.uky.edu/Ag/IPM/ipm.htm>.

## KET Lists Upcoming Program

To help viewers educate themselves about proper "weather-ready" preparation and planning for the spring, KET presents Severe Weather: Staying Safe, a live call-in program host-

ed by Bill Goodman and featuring a panel of severe weather experts. During the program, airing Monday at 9 p.m., viewers can pose weather-related questions by phone or on Twitter.

## OBITUARIES

### Service Is Held Tuesday For Cecil McDonald, 91

The funeral for Cecil F. "Cricket" McDonald, 91, of Dawson Springs, was held yesterday at Beshear Funeral Home.

The Rev. Danny Earl officiated. Burial was in Ilsley Cemetery.

McDonald died March 7, 2015, at Baptist Health Madisonville.

He was born Nov. 1, 1923, in Lyon County, to the late Willie Albert McDonald and Lillian Baker McDonald.

He was a coal miner, an electrician and a member of the United Mine Workers of America. He was a member of the Ilsley Christian Church where he served as an elder. He served his country in the United States Army from 1943 to 1946 and engaged in warfare in the Battle of the Bulge.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Michael McDonald, Jan. 27, 1991; a brother, Herbert McDonald; and three sisters, Geneva Eades, Marie Ray and Kathleen McDonald.

Survivors include his faithful wife of 63 years, Mary Beth McDonald of Dawson Springs; a son, David (Cynthia) McDonald of Louisville; and three grandchildren, Suzanne McDonald, Sarah Mae McDonald, and Joseph Michael (Lindsey) McDonald.

Pallbearers were Bobby Joe Egbert, Rayburn Bratcher, Joe Workman, Ronnie Young, James Douglas Hartline and Greg Copeland.

Honorary pallbearers were Garnett Young and Bill Townzen.

### Later Service Planned For Elisabeth Ludwick

Elisabeth Ludwick, 64, of Henderson, died March 7, 2015, at Methodist Hospital in Henderson.

She was born Oct. 19, 1950, in Hopkins County, to the late Orbie Brown and Mary Frances Clark Brown.

She was a homemaker and was of the Baptist faith.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers and a sister.

Survivors include a

daughter, Rhonda Nesbitt of Clarkston, Mich.; two sons, Dan Linville of Rockwell, Iowa, and David Earl Linville Jr. of Colona, Ill.; two sisters, Norma Faye Salyers and Phyllis Pierce, both of Indianapolis, Ind.; a brother, Paul Brown of Dawson Springs; and five grandchildren.

A memorial service and burial will be held at a later date. Beshear Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

### Services Held Monday For Joy Whicker, 56

The funeral for Joy Whicker, 56, of White Plains, was held Monday at Faith Baptist Church in Madisonville. Reid-Walters Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

The Rev. Jason Whicker, Pastor Chuck Evans and the Rev. J.D. Holt officiated. Burial was in Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

Mrs. Whicker died March 2, 2015, at her home.

She was born July 17, 1958, in Hopkins County, to the late Jessie Wells and Francis Bock Woodward Wells.

She was a homemaker and a member of White Plains Missionary Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, the Rev. Mark Whicker of White Plains; two sons, Jason Whicker and Joshua Whicker, both of White Plains; three sisters, Melinda Starr of Nortonville, Delena Daves of Vancouver, Wash., and Diana Smiley of Dawson Springs; a brother, Ed Wells of Madisonville; and seven grandchildren.

Memorial contributions can be made to Gideons International.

### Services Held Sunday For Bonnie Burgett Baize, 87

The funeral for Bonnie Burgett Baize, 87, of Earlington, was held Sunday at Reid-Walters Funeral Home.

Bro. Steve Rutherford officiated. Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery in Earlington.

Mrs. Baize died March 3, 2015, at the home of her son, Mike Burgett of Henderson.

She was born Aug. 9, 1927, in Macon County, Tenn., to the late Floyd and Cora Shrum Frye.

She worked for many years as a restaurant hostess and was a member of the Earlington First Baptist Church.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husbands, Willie Burgett and Harold

Baize; a daughter, Louise Kramer; four brothers, Dennis Frye, Bobby Frye, Hillis Frye and Delmar Frye; two sisters, Betty Jones and Elsie Hoskins; and a grandson.

Survivors include three sons, Charlie Burgett of White Plains, Lonnie Burgett of Kuttawa, and Mike Burgett of Henderson; a daughter, Annie Tyson of Nortonville; a brother, Billy Frye of Macon County, Tenn.; a sister, Ruthie Taylor of Macon County, Tenn.; 12 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions can be made to St. Anthony's Hospice, 2410 S. Green St. Henderson, KY 42420.

## Service Is In Ohio For Teresa Moody Quallen

The funeral for Teresa Moody Quallen, 64, of West Chester, Ohio, formerly of Dawson Springs, was held Feb. 28 at Lakota Hills Baptist Church in West Chester. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery in Mason, Ohio.

She died at home, surrounded by her loving family, on Feb. 25, 2015, after a short illness.

She was a 1968 graduate of Dawson Springs High School and moved to Cincinnati in 1975 where she raised her family, attended classes at UC and had a career in industrial sales for 35 years.

Mrs. Quallen was an active member of Lakota Hills Baptist Church in West Chester and was dedicated to volunteering and sharing her faith at multiple shelters and charitable organizations in her community and in the inner city. She enjoyed spending time with her family, church activities and traveling.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Lavell Blades Dunn.

Survivors include



TERESA M. QUALLEN

her husband, Tim Quallen; her father, Dwight Moody, Washington, D.C.; a daughter, Deanna Purdy (Rich) Hawkins, West Chester; a stepdaughter, Elisabeth (Chad) Bennett, West Chester; a brother, Donnie (Jo) Goodwin, Dawson Springs; two grandchildren, Paige Hawkins and Brad Hawkins, both West Chester; and several relatives in the Dawson Springs area.

Memorial contributions may be made to Lakota Hills Baptist Church, 6300 Tylersville Road, West Chester, OH 45069 with Abundant Life Ministries in the memo.

## Private Service Planned For Wanda M. Rogers

Wanda Louise Marvel Rogers, 86, of Earlington, died March 3, 2015, at Gateway Deaconess Hospital in Evansville, Ind.

She was born May 22, 1928, in Sturgis, to the late Clarence and Orza Fisher Marvel.

She was a sitter with the elderly and was of the Baptist faith.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her hus-

band, Robert T. Rogers; three daughters, Carolyn Cleveland, Vickie Geary and Karen Boze; a brother, Thomas Marvel; and a sister, Edith Blackwell.

Survivors include a daughter, Rebecca Rogers, Earlington; eight grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be private. Reid-Walters Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



RICK BENNETT travels down South Main Street Thursday, March 6, between snow-moving jobs across the community.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

American Legion Post 310 election of officers will be held at the Post Home on Monday, April 20, 2015, at 6 p.m.

All members are urged to attend.

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# Some Schools Are Using Spring Break As Make Up

**By Greg Kocher**  
**Lexington Herald-Leader**

Several Kentucky school districts have missed so many class days because of the weather that they are canceling spring break and/or are planning to stay in school until June.

Some districts in Eastern Kentucky, where several counties got more snow this week, have missed more than 20 days. Fayette County, by contrast, has missed five, and most other Central Kentucky districts have missed fewer than

10. Harlan, Knox, Letcher and Perry counties are among the districts that will use their spring breaks as make-up days.

Perry County schools have missed 24 days through this week. Last year, when winter weather also was severe, they missed 33, said Assistant Superintendent Johnny Wooton.

"We have buses right now that are still snowed in at parking lots," Wooton said.

In addition, three Perry County schools are without water because

of breaks in lines, Wooton said.

Letcher County schools have missed 23 days through this week, said Glenda Coleman, secretary to Superintendent Tony Sergent. The Letcher district plans to use the March 30 to April 3 spring break as makeup days. The remaining days will be added to the end of the year, taking them "probably up to June 3," Coleman said.

Harlan County schools have missed 19 days, and will use the March 30 to April 3 break as makeup days. The remaining days will be added to the end of the school year, said Brett Johnson, director of pupil personnel for Harlan schools.

Knox County will have classes April 6 to 10, when spring break tentatively had been scheduled, and on March 20, which had been listed as a professional development day. June 10 is now sched-

uled to be the last day for students.

Most Pike County schools have missed 18 days; Belfry High School missed an additional day when it won the Class 3A football championship in December. Belfry had planned to use Feb. 16 as a makeup day, but that turned out to be a snow day, Superintendent David Lester said.

"We're looking at recommending to our board that we use three of our spring-break days as makeup days," Lester said. Belfry would use four days. Pike's spring break had been scheduled for April 13 to 17.

Pike County is one of 13 Kentucky school districts granted approval to offer "nontraditional instruction" days during the 2014-15 school year. The plan allows students to be engaged in learning through electronic or conventional paper lessons on days when conditions

prevent schools from being in session. Districts in the program are allowed to count up to 10 nontraditional instruction days as regular attendance days and do not have to make them up.

So far, Pike has used three such days. "We were hoping to limit the number that we were going to use to five," Lester said.

But additional nontraditional instruction days could be used "if we have a bad March," he said.

Many school districts will wait until their March board meetings to decide wheth-

er and how to amend their calendars, said Brad Hughes, spokesman for the Kentucky School Boards Association. Board members and superintendents typically don't wish to amend spring break or graduation, and thus interrupt the plans of parents and school employees.

There's been speculation that the state legislature will relieve school districts from making up snow days, as the General Assembly did with a compromise plan last year. "But we've heard no indication of that," Hughes said.

## Local Ladies Invited To Join Women's Connection

Women's Connection invites all women in the community to connect through fellowship, events and service. The group will meet monthly beginning tomorrow at 6 p.m. in the Dawson Springs High School li-

brary. Those attending are asked to bring one of the following items for The Bridge ministry for the homeless: socks, diapers, wipes, bottled water, women's undergarments or hygiene products.

## Greater Faith Church Hosting Singing Saturday

Greater Faith Church, 17807 Dawson Road (U.S. 62 W.), will host the Stone Family Singers of Henderson at 7 p.m. Saturday.

A time for food and

fellowship will take place following the singing.

Pastor Bo McGregor and the congregation invite the public to attend.

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II Chronicles 24  
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## Dawson Springs Officers Report Week's Activities

The Dawson Springs Police Department released the following reports last week:

—Joseph J. Massey, 28, Madisonville, was charged Feb. 28 with nonpayment of fines on a Hopkins County warrant.

—Lisa R. Allen, 49, Dawson Springs, was charged March 1 with operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/drugs, etc., failure of owner to maintain required insurance and failure to notify address change to the Department of Transportation.

—Brenda Robinson, 35, Dawson Springs, was charged March 1 with second-degree wanton endangerment and fourth-degree assault (domestic violence) with minor injury.

—Brenda S. Robinson, 35, Dawson Springs, was charged March 2 with violation of conditions of release.

—Jennifer L. Plunkett, 42, Dawson Springs, was charged March 3 with two counts of nonpayment of fines on a Hopkins County bench warrant.

—Bradley R. Bowling,

32, Crofton, was charged March 4 with parole violation on a warrant.

—Rachael A. Adams, 34, address unknown, was charged March 4 with possession of a controlled substance, second-degree, drug unspecified; prescription controlled substance not in proper container; and illegal possession of a legend drug. She was also charged with two counts of failure to appear on Hopkins County bench warrants.

A local woman was charged by the Madisonville Police Department:

—Nichole K. Morgan, 26, 1995 Fergusontown Road, was charged March 3 with theft by unlawful taking or disposition (shoplifting).

A Dawson Springs man was charged by the Hopkins County Sheriff's Office:

—Jason L. Laureano, 33, 500 Charleston Road, was charged March 1 with operating a motor vehicle on a suspended/revoked license. He was also charged with nonpayment of fines on a Hopkins County warrant.

## Nebo Man Arrested After Standoff With Officials

A Nebo man was arrested Friday by the Hopkins County Sheriff's Department following a standoff on Rosecreek Road which lasted several hours.

Deputies responded to a disturbance at the 9280 Rosecreek Road residence of William J. Burch, 46, who was intoxicated and hostile. Burch was also heavily armed and threatened to kill the officers. He fired rounds at the deputies from inside the residence before exiting a side door and firing again. The deputies returned fire, and Burch barricaded himself inside the house. He fired

rounds from inside on two additional occasions.

The Madisonville Police Department's Emergency Response Team was requested to assist the units from the sheriff's office, Kentucky State Police and Madisonville Police Department who were already on the scene.

After several hours, Burch surrendered to authorities and was lodged in the Hopkins County Detention Center. Med Center Ambulance and the Nebo Fire Department also assisted during the incident.

Sgt. Shawn Bean was the reporting deputy.

## Driver Killed In One-Car Pennyrile Parkway Crash

Alyssa M. Wagner, 22, of Jasper, Ind., died Sunday as a result of a single-vehicle accident on the Pennyrile Parkway.

According to Kentucky State Police, Wagner was driving north when her Lincoln Aviator exited the left shoulder of the road and struck an overpass support column. Her vehicle reentered the northbound lanes and overturned onto its passenger side in the roadway.

Wagner was wearing a seat belt but succumbed to her injuries. She was pronounced dead at the scene by Hopkins County Coroner Dennis Mayfield.

Passengers Lauren Cessan, 22, of Ogden, Ill., Kristen Hostetter,

23, of Bloomfield, Ind., and Jennah M. Banks, 23, of Rockport, Ind., were transported to Baptist Health Madisonville for treatment.

Passenger Jarod Daming, 23, of Newburgh, Ind., was flown to St. Mary's Hospital in Evansville, Ind.; and passenger Malcolm Webb, 23, of Rockport, Ind., was flown to Deaconess Hospital in Evansville.

An ongoing investigation is being conducted by Trooper William Braden, who was assisted at the scene by Sgt. Nick Rice, Trooper Luis Palmer, the Hopkins County Sheriff's Department, Nortonville Fire and Rescue and Med Center Ambulance.



**NEIGHBORS** Richard Hatley (left) and Billy Adams work together to clear this snowpacked car on South Main Street Friday, March 6.

## Senate Approves Phone Deregulation Measure

By John Cheves  
Lexington Herald-Leader

Don't get attached to those land lines.

The Kentucky Senate voted 30-3 March 2 to send a long-controversial phone deregulation measure to Gov. Steve Beshear, who has endorsed it. Supporters said deregulation would encourage phone carriers to spend more money expanding high-speed broadband networks rather than maintaining outdated land lines. Opponents said the bill doesn't require any investments by the carriers, and it would force Kentuckians with basic land-line phone service to be upgraded to costlier and less reliable options.

The bill's opponents managed to block it in the House for several years, citing consumer protection concerns. Yet thousands of Kentuckians voluntarily drop their land lines every month in favor of a wireless future, the bill's Senate sponsor, Sen. Paul Hornback, told his colleagues.

House Bill 152 — nicknamed the AT&T bill for the company that lobbied for it — would largely strip the Kentucky Public Service Commission of its oversight of phone service and end the legal obligation of phone carriers AT&T, Windstream and Cincinnati Bell to provide basic phone service in urban and suburban areas, including Lexington, Georgetown, Richmond, Nicholasville and Frankfort. The companies instead could provide phone service

through a wireless plan or an Internet protocol-based technology, which converts voices into a digital signal that travels over the Internet and then is reconverted at the other end.

Rural customers could ask to stick with their land lines, but the companies would not be required to extend basic service to new developments.

AT&T has spent more than \$183,000 lobbying the General Assembly since January 2014. Its political action committee has given \$112,800 to state politicians since 2010, mostly to dozens of legislators and to Beshear. The governor recently described the bill as "an important piece of legislation that strikes a right balance between providing consumer protection and creating economic development opportunities that result from robust broadband accessibility in communities all across the commonwealth."

One of the few "no" votes came from Sen. Robin Webb, D-Grayson. Webb said the bill was meant to benefit a lucrative monopoly by stripping the state PSC of its oversight authority to protect consumers. Even as AT&T pushes for state deregulation in Frankfort, it is fighting in Washington to weaken the power of the Federal Communications Commission, Webb said.

Even without this legislation, "this monopoly is doing quite well," Webb said. "They've invested in Kentucky, and they'll continue to."

## KSP Releases Report Of Activities For February

For the month of February, Kentucky State Police Post 2 issued a total of 1,223 citations, 331 speeding citations, 171 seat belt citations, 6 child restraint citations and 332 courtesy notices. They arrested 28 impaired drivers, investigated 55 traffic crashes, assisted 310 stranded motorists, responded to 593 calls for service, made 184 criminal arrests and opened 37 criminal cases.

One fatal crash that resulted in the loss of one life was reported in the Post 2 District in February. A single-fatality crash occurred in Hopkins County. The victim was wearing a seat belt.

Through Feb. 28, 2015, five fatal crashes that resulted in the loss of seven lives have been re-

ported in the Post 2 District: three victims were not wearing seat belts, and four victims were wearing seat belts. Alcohol has been a suspected factor in two of the fatal crashes.

Through Feb. 28, 2014, three people had been killed in three fatal crashes in the Post 2 District.

Throughout the month, troopers from Post 2 will conduct traffic safety checkpoints. The traffic safety checkpoints are utilized to promote safety for motorists and to provide a deterrent for those who violate laws.

For traffic safety checkpoint locations, refer to [www.kentuckystatepolice.org/posts/press/post2\\_checkpoints.html](http://www.kentuckystatepolice.org/posts/press/post2_checkpoints.html).

## Expansion Of Services For Veterans Announced

In an effort to expand mental health services to veterans in Western Kentucky, Gov. Steve Beshear and state and federal veterans officials are announcing the start of telemental health services out of the Joseph "Eddie" Ballard Western Kentucky Veterans Center in Hanson.

Telemental health is a provision of mental health services using live, interactive videoconferencing, mainly in rural and underserved communities. Use at the Hanson facility will increase the quality of mental health services in the region and will decrease long travel times to other facilities veterans commonly face.

"We have worked hard the last several years to strengthen mental health services for service members, veterans and their families across the commonwealth," Beshear said. "It's critical for us to take care of our veterans and provide the best care that they need and rightfully deserve. This includes greater access to mental health services."

The federally-operated Hanson Community Based Outpatient Clinic will provide telemental health services out of the

Hanson state facility to veterans living in Western Kentucky and the surrounding areas. The facility will eventually expand its on-site counseling services.

"Many of our veterans at every level struggle with mental health issues, so by starting telemental health services out of our Hanson facility, we are helping veterans in Western Kentucky receive specialized counseling by trained experts closer to their homes," said Heather French Henry, commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs. "My office will continue to partner with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to strengthen all of our veterans programs statewide."

President Obama recently signed The Clay Hunt Suicide Prevention for American Veterans Act, which provides more resources to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and highlights the ongoing need for more mental health services for veterans, she said.

For more information on the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs and mental health services for veterans, call 502-564-9203 or visit <http://veterans.ky.gov>.

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# Results Of Health Poll Can't Surprise Anyone

Poll data released last week by the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky and Interact for Health indicate that lower-income Kentuckians are much more likely to forgo medical care and have more trouble paying for health care than those with higher incomes. Meanwhile, KHIP data reveal three out of every four Kentucky adults now have a usual or appropriate source of care.

KHIP highlights include the following:

- More than two in 10 (22 percent) said they or a family member in their home needed care at some point over the past 12 months but did not get care or delayed getting it because of cost; in 2009, 32 percent reported delaying or skipping needed care due to cost.

- Almost one third (32 percent) of adults who earn at or below 138 percent Federal Poverty Level indicated they did not get or delayed medical care due to cost while 14 percent of those making more than 200 percent FPL reported they had to forgo or delay coverage

because of cost.

- Three in 10 (31 percent) reported that they or a family member in their home had trouble paying a medical bill in the past 12 months.

- Almost five in 10 (47 percent) of uninsured adults indicated they had trouble paying medical bills at some point during the past 12 months.

- Nearly eight in 10 (77 percent) of insured adults have a typical and appropriate source of care compared to five in 10 (51 percent) of uninsured adults with a typical and appropriate care source.

"Being able to afford needed medical care and having access to appropriate usual sources of care are two important challenges that may prevent a person from receiving care," said Susan Zepeda, president/CEO of the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky. "KHIP data indicate lower income Kentucky adults have to forgo treatment more often than their higher income neighbors and are more likely to have problems paying for their care."

## Marshall Co. Petitioning To Legalize Alcohol Sales

By Venita Fritz  
Marshall County  
Tribune-Courier

The board of directors of The Kentucky Lake Convention and Visitor's Bureau voted unanimously to launch a petition drive to gain signatures in support of a vote to legalize alcohol sales in Marshall County.

The group made it clear in the meeting they hope this year's effort will be different than it was three years ago.

"We want to do everything in our power not to ruffle feathers and have happen what happened last time," said CVB chairman Mark Wood, referring to a bitter divide that separated Marshall countians in favor of the effort and those opposing it in 2012.

Noticeably absent from the effort of supporters this year will be a hefty advertising cam-

paign directed at swaying voters' opinions. Marshall 1st, the group who led the effort to legalize sales in 2012, utilized newspaper, radio, television, direct mail and yard signs to spread their message. They say this time they expect to place few, if any, of those messages in the media.

"We don't want to trash the county with signs like we did last time and we will be doing very little advertising," said Wood.

"I learned last time that we weren't going to change anyone's mind with that," said Randy Newcomb, Executive Director of the CVB. "We've put the facts out there in the past. People are seeing the growth that is taking place in other counties. People are going to vote the way they believe. We just want it on the ballot again to let the people decide."

## Motorcyclists Given Okay To Run Some Red Lights

By Katie Brandenburg  
Bowling Green Daily News

A bill that passed the state House of Representatives and is now in the Senate would give motorcyclists a defense if they choose to run a red light in some circumstances.

The Kentucky Motorcycle Association is pushing the legislation, which it says is needed because the lower weight of motorcycles sometimes means that traffic light sensors embedded in roads don't detect them, meaning lights do not change.

House Bill 370 would create an affirmative defense against a traffic violation for entering or crossing an intersection against a steady red light for a person operating a motorcycle.

An affirmative defense is "a defense in which the defendant introduces evidence, which, if found to

be credible, will negate criminal or civil liability, even if it is proven that the defendant committed the alleged acts," according to the Legal Information Institute on the Cornell University Law School website.

The defense would apply if the motorcycle was brought to a complete stop, the traffic control signal showed a steady red light for two minutes or if the traffic control signal completed two lighting cycles and if the traffic control signal appeared to be malfunctioning or didn't detect the arrival of a motorcycle, according to the bill.

Another condition of the defense is that no person or motor vehicle was approaching the intersection or that any approaching person or motor vehicle was so far from the intersection that it did not constitute an immediate hazard.



THIS section of I-69 near the Dawson Springs exit was passable, although not completely clear, Friday, March 6.



DAKOTA CARTER (above) and Tyler Son completed an impressive snow tunnel on South Main Street, but an early trip through the tunnel proved unsuccessful when the tunnel caved in on them.

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# OPINION

## ABOUT TOWN

By Scott

## Enough is enough with all the snow!

It's time we started looking for the lamb. Since March came in like a lion, surely to goodness the lamb will be right around the corner.

No sooner than the almost one foot of snow which fell in mid-February finally melted, March welcomed us with not just one foot, but dang near two feet of the white stuff.

At one time, it would have been welcomed with open arms, but as we become older and wiser or whatever, the snow is nothing but a major problem and headache (or backache when having to shovel the stuff).

But kudos go out to Bo Hester and the Dawson Springs Street Department. Bo and Brian Sizemore worked many hours cleaning our local streets and did one very fine job. Dawson Springs is simply not accustomed to this type of snowfall and neither is the state of Kentucky. We can put our guys up against the most experienced snow plow operators with much more advanced equipment.

The state didn't fair as well with two major interstates having stranded motorists for 12 hours and longer in near zero degree weather.

But the fact these motorists didn't heed the winter storm warning which was issued by the National Weather Service in plenty of time only made the problem worse.

One such man who ignored the warning was interviewed on The Weather Channel. His excuse for being on the interstate during the snow storm was he wanted to get home. He flew into the Cincinnati-Northern Kentucky airport, arrived there a couple of hours before midnight, rented an SUV and headed for his home in Bowling Green. He ended up in the long line of vehicles stuck on I-65 near Elizabethtown. His rush to get home not only affected him but many others like him who also made the bad decision to travel during a snow storm when as many as 12-16 inches of snow was forecast.

Note to self: stay home or find a nice warm bed somewhere when this much snow is forecast. A hotel room is better than a cold vehicle in the middle of nowhere.

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Now that the snow is gone, hopefully until next winter, and it has been replaced by rain, there is some good news.

The Kentucky Wildcats topped off an undefeated Southeastern Conference schedule and regular season by beating Billy Donovan's Florida Gators over the weekend. The 31-0 Cats will begin play at noon Friday in the conference tournament at Nashville. In order to see this game on television you must be able to get the SEC Network. If the Cats win Friday, the semifinals will be televised by ESPN. Sunday's championship game will also be on ESPN.

All along it's been said in this space that talk of an undefeated season would be premature. That talk is maturing now, but a loss in this weekend's tournament would not tarnish the season. However, no Wildcat fans want to see their team lose at this point — but, if it's going to happen it would be better this weekend than any of the next few. We have a 31-game winning streak. What matters now is finishing the year with at least a six-game winning streak.

More good news is the Louisville Cardinals pulled out a huge win over their regular season conference champions, the Virginia Cavaliers.

The bad news over the weekend concerned Murray State. They were beaten in their conference championship game by Belmont University on a 3-point shot with between two and three seconds left in the game. The Racers had won 25 straight and were undefeated in the Ohio Valley Conference regular season.

The really bad news is the Racers may not get an invitation to the NCAA Tournament. Most people who should be in the know say the Racers will not make the tournament. That's just not right.

The Wildcats are favored to win the SEC Tournament and Louisville may or may not win their tournament, but the Cardinals are a team nobody will want to face. Hopefully they can get by the Dookies, Heels, Cavs and anyone they will face in the ACC.

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— St. Peter and Satan were having an argument one day about basketball. Satan proposed a game to be played on neutral grounds between a select team from the heavenly host and his own hand-picked boys.

"Very well," said the gatekeeper of Heaven. "But you realize, I hope, that we've got all the good players and the best coaches."

"I know, and that's all right," Satan answered unperturbed. "We've got all the refs."

— There were 3 basketball players, one each from IU, Notre Dame, and Purdue, standing on a burning roof in Indianapolis. The fire department came with a blanket and yelled to the Notre Dame player to jump. He jumped and they moved it to the right. He hit the sidewalk with a splat.

They then called to the IU player to jump. He said that he wouldn't jump. They said they liked IU better than Notre Dame. So he jumped and the fire department moved the blanket to the left.

The IU player hit with a splat on the sidewalk. Then they called to the Purdue player to jump. He said that he wouldn't jump.

The fire department said they hated IU and Notre Dame. He yelled back and said, "Lay the blanket down, and then I'll jump!"

— Former Utah Jazz president, Frank Layden, on a former player: "I told him, 'Son, what is it with you. Is it ignorance or apathy?' He said, 'Coach, I don't know and I don't care.'"

— Shelby Metcalf, former basketball coach at Texas A&M, recounting what he told a player who received four F's and one D: "Son, looks to me like you're spending too much time on one subject."

— Before winning with the Lakers — Shaquille O'Neal, on his lack of championships: "I've won at every level, except college and pro."

— At the basketball game, why did the blonde say, "I stopped aging!"? Because the clock stopped.



## Commentary...

## Performance event testing failed

By Jim Waters

It's no surprise that those pushing federally driven, one-size-fits-all academic standards also heavily endorse assessment tools that not only have a track record of past failure in Kentucky, but also offer little chance of success anywhere else in the nation.

It's not that performance assessments are wrong. They're not. They can be very beneficial and have been used for years in certain classrooms to achieve valuable academic experiences.

Those chemistry-lab experiments you had in high-school taught important lessons such as how matter can change from one state to another. You learned, for example, that while many types of matter move through a three-stage transition from solid to liquid and then gas, some things like dry ice can go directly from solid to gas.

Such performance events — conducted under a capable teacher's tutelage and informed evaluations — yield remarkable lessons with lifetime benefits.

But the need for — and types of — such exercises vary from subject to subject and cannot be forced into every classroom in all schools.

Trying to shoe-horn the successful, teacher-driven and directed performance event from that individual chemistry classroom into a forced, nationwide assessment policy opens up a whole can of wiggly policy worms.

Bluegrass Institute education analyst Richard Innes points to Kentucky's testing history and says it's extremely difficult, if not impossible, to employ complex performance events in a statewide assessment program in ways that yield credible

information about whether or not students are on the path to success in key academic areas.

Innes in his new report "Selling 'Performance' Assessments with Inaccurate Pictures from Kentucky" describes a "typical" performance event from the 1990s-era Kentucky Instructional Results Information System (KIRIS) in which fourth-graders were given rulers, compasses and protractors and told to work in teams to determine the number of life-sized ladybug images on standard sheets of paper.

After developing their answers, students were required to write individual reports that were sent to a central location for grading.

Those who developed this exercise no doubt expected students would do something like divide their papers into fourths with each team member counting a portion of the images then putting their counts together to determine final answers.

But, as Innes notes, a team could just as quickly count the entire number of images on a page, checking off each as it was counted. There's not much higher-order thinking involved with that approach, of course, but wouldn't it be just as effective?

While the intention of this performance event was to evaluate math problem-solving ability, it offered the very real prospect of turning into little more than an evaluation of writing skills conducted by disconnected graders who didn't even observe the stu-



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dents as they worked on the problem.

Good writers in an exercise like this who are terrible at math might pull down excellent grades even if the problem actually was solved by another team member.

Innes also points out that Kentucky's old, performance event-dominated testing system provided inflated results.

During the years of the failed KIRIS

assessment, which was filled with unreliable assessment elements like writing and math portfolios and performance events, education leaders and politicians cited exploding proficiency rates to claim Kentucky's education program was making great progress. However, the mirage collapsed when the federal "Nation's Report-Card" test results showed far-weaker performances.

If Americans want accurate assessments of student performance, then state education leaders nationwide must be wary of attempts to once again force unreliable, performance-type events into Common Core testing.

Of course, if it's just about cool-sounding but ineffective experiments that make mediocre schools and failing systems look good, then educrats will ignore past lessons from failed state assessments that used such unreliable and invalid testing tools.

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## Other editors

## The lobbyists win again spending big bucks

If he hasn't already done so by the time you read this, Gov. Steve Beshear will soon sign what's known as the AT&T bill into law.

Then the company that built its network in Kentucky under monopoly protection will be free from government oversight of the quality of service it provides most of its Kentucky customers and the right to sluff off thousands who aren't very profitable.

The primary argument for this legislation was that it will liberate AT&T from outdated, expensive regulatory constraints, allowing it to invest more in modern communications technology in Kentucky.

The critical investment, though, is the one AT&T made to get this bill passed.

By our calculation, AT&T has spent \$434,131 on lobbying expenses since January 2012. Lobbying costs have only been reported for January of this year so that number will grow. A 2012 news article commented on AT&T's clout in Frankfort: "It employs 31 legislative lobbyists, including a former PSC vice chairwoman and past chairs of the state Democratic and Republican parties." For the 2013 session it had 23 lobbyists, 22 last year and 18 registered in January of this year. AT&T has also made over \$60,000 in campaign contributions in state races since 2012.

Lawmakers and consumers can ask themselves whether AT&T undertook this prolonged, expensive campaign because it was driven by a desire to invest more in Kentucky or to make more money for its shareholders.

The answer was given by one legislator who observed that when it takes that many lobbyists to pass, you know it's a bad bill.

With dedicated pushback led by the indefatigable Tom FitzGerald of the Kentucky Resources Council and AARP Kentucky, the original bill was improved to somewhat lessen the hardship on consumers. But what finally passed the House last week — the Senate was always an easy mark — is bad enough.

Plain old land line telephone service is very reliable and really inexpensive, while monthly bills for the array of services that come with cell phones and broadband easily hit three digits. It doesn't take an MBA to figure out why telecom companies want to switch people from one to the other. Before this bill, AT&T and other providers were required to offer the land line option to all customers.

Consumers have by choice been migrating rapidly from land line service to wireless service, which is not regulated by the Kentucky Public Service Commission. But thousands haven't switched, because they can't get reliable cell service, can't afford it, or need a land line for security and home-health systems.

Under this bill, telecoms will no longer be required to provide basic land line service to many of those people. It provides no protections for people living in urban and suburban areas. In rural areas, people who move risk losing their land lines.

Many of us remember the civics lessons of long ago that always included a chapter titled something like, "how a bill becomes law." It talked about public needs and committees and consensus and constituents. And sometimes it does work that way.

But not this time.

—Lexington Herald-Leader

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## LOOKING BACK

# 10, 25 & 50 Years Ago

## 10 years ago

(From the files of *The Dawson Springs Progress*, Thursday, March 10, 2005.)

Named to the All 7th District Girls Basketball Team are Amanda Carlton, Ashli Lanham, and Chelsea Mills. Anna Marsili made the all academic team. Panther girls earned the school's third runner-up district trophy in 30 years of playing girls basketball. Holly Divine has been named the Bluegrass Pharmacists Association's 2004 Pharmacist of the Year.

The funeral for Audie May Jenkins, 90, was held Sunday afternoon, March 6, at Beshear Funeral Home. Burial was in Lafayette Cemetery.

The funeral for Blondell Walker, 68, was held Monday afternoon, March 7, at Beshear Funeral Home. Burial was in Walnut Grove Cemetery.

The funeral for Norma Edith Sneed, 72, was held Sunday afternoon, March 6, at Beshear Funeral Home. Burial was in New Hope Cemetery.

## 25 years ago

(From the files of *The Dawson Springs Progress*, Thursday, March 8, 1990.)

A surprise birthday party for Audrey McBride was given Sunday afternoon, Feb. 25, at the First United Methodist Church.

Freshman Keli Cansler was selected by coaches of the teams in last week's Seventh District Basketball Tournament to be a member of the all-tournament team.

Panther senior Lee James was named to the all-tournament team at the Seventh District Basketball Tournament.

The winner of the Dawson Springs PTA Elementary School spelling bee was Dianna Holmes.

The funeral for Arla L. Chappell, 84, will be held Friday afternoon, March 6, at Beshear Funeral Home. Burial will be in Ilsley Cemetery.

The funeral for Roy Wesley Martin, 39, will be held today at Mt. Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church. Burial will be in McNeely Cemetery.

The funeral for Geneva Johnson, 67, was held Tuesday afternoon, March 6, at Beshear Funeral Home. Burial was in Union Temple Cemetery.

## 50 years ago

(From the files of *The Dawson Springs Progress*, Thursday, March 11, 1965.)

Mark Randall Duncan was born Tuesday, March 2, at the Hopkins County Hospital. He weighed 11 pounds, seven ounces.

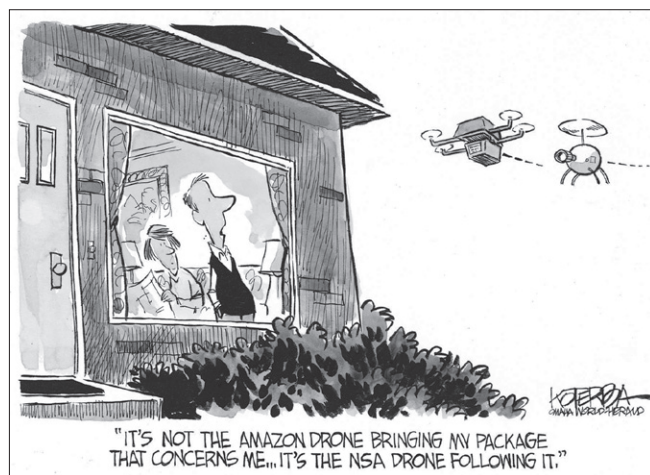
Funeral services were conducted for Willis Leo Sisk, 71, Friday afternoon at the Ilsley Presbyterian Church. Burial was in the Ilsley Cemetery.

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Pansy Terry, 47, Monday afternoon at the Charleston Baptist Church. Burial was in the Beulah Cemetery.

## Moments in time...

• On March 11, 1888, one of the worst blizzards in U.S. history strikes the Northeast, dumping up to 55 inches of snow in some areas. In New York City, drifts reached the second story of some buildings and stranded passengers on elevated trains. Enterprising residents with ladders offered to rescue passengers for a fee.

• On March 9, 1985, the first-ever Adopt-a-Highway sign is erected on Texas's Highway 69. The highway was adopted by the Tyler Civitan Club, which committed to picking up trash along a designated 2-mile stretch of the road.



## Other editors

### Homeland security remains funded — finally

Congress stopped thrashing around last week and finally agreed to fully fund the federal Department of Homeland Security.

That brings an end to a short, sad battle in which a disruptive group of House Republicans tried to block funding for the agency meant, among other things, to protect the nation from terrorist attacks, unless President Barack Obama's executive action on immigration reform was overturned.

That effort turned out to be futile although it threatened to bring at least one important agency to the point of a government shutdown — a situation Senate Majority Mitch McConnell, a Kentucky Republican, and House Speaker John Boehner, an Ohio Republican, have pledged to avoid.

The holdouts were House Republicans who persisted in voting against the Homeland Security measure, despite a growing backlash among their own

people. That included a Wall Street Journal editorial this week that called them “cliff marchers,” determined to march over the cliff to failure.

Among the marchers was Kentucky's U.S. Rep. Thomas Massie, of Northern Kentucky, who gave a floor speech demanding his colleagues hold President Obama accountable for his “unconscionable and illegal acts.”

As a final act of defiance, he insisted on a full reading of the bill to fund Homeland Security but capitulated and withdrew his request after a clerk spent about 20 minutes reading the document to an increasingly restive audience, according to a report on National Public Radio.

So a shutdown has been averted and Congress moves on to its next battle.

The public will be interested to see what members have learned.

—The Courier-Journal

## Other editors

### House bill 8 is a victory for women

Some things just make so much sense that you wonder why it took so long for them to happen.

Things like House Bill 8.

It would allow a person who has been a victim of domestic violence and abuse, dating violence and abuse, sexual assault or stalking to ask a judge for a court order to make the other person stay away from them.

This includes women who aren't married to, living with or have a child with their abuser/stalker.

Only the married to, living with or have a child with women can get such an order now.

Sure, it's a piece of paper.

And sure, somebody obsessed would likely violate the order.

But it's better than nothing.

Rep. John Tilley, the Hopkinsville Democrat who sponsored the bill, told a Senate committee last week that 638,000 Kentucky women will experience physical violence, rape and/or stalking “by an intimate partner” at some point in their lives, according to federal data.

Of those, he said, 420,000 will be stalked.

“That is the highest percentage in the country,” Tilley said.

So why has it taken this long to extend the same

rights to all women — and men — who are being abused or stalked?

I remember the fight in Frankfort in the '80s to open more spouse abuse shelters in the state.

In case you're not familiar with the struggle, Louisville didn't open the state's first shelter for abused women until 1977.

Lexington followed in 1979 and Owensboro in 1981.

But the measure was still controversial years later.

I remember a House member thundering that such places destroy families because “the lesbians who run them” try to talk the women into getting divorces.

Legislation to allow married women to say no to sex with their husbands was also controversial and took a while to pass.

Some argued that there was no such thing as marital rape.

We have not always acted like intelligent, caring people in this state.

But the Senate Judiciary Committee approved House Bill 8 last week and sent it to the full Senate for action.

Maybe this time, it will become law.

—Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer

## Other editors

### Kentuckians are finding work

A ray of sunshine pierced the snow dome recently when the state released some gonzo numbers on employment growth in Kentucky.

It has been 15 years since Kentucky added more than 40,000 jobs, as it did in the last year.

And, for the first time in 20 years, Kentucky's unemployment rate has been below the national average for six months, according to revised numbers released by the U.S. Department of Labor March 4. Kentucky's unemployment rate in January was 5.5 percent, compared to 5.7 percent for the nation.

And this isn't because, as sometimes happens, people have given up and dropped out of the workforce. Kentucky's labor force grew by 7,757 in January alone. Notably, too, a significant portion of the growth — 9,000 in the last year — has been in good-paying manufacturing jobs. In fact, this is good news for all jobs. The rules of supply and demand say that, as the number of unemployed drops, employers will have to bid to attract workers by raising wages.

This is great news for a poor state, and even better news for Kentuckians who had been looking for work and now have it.

However, it does raise the question of why some people involved in economic development in Kentucky are pushing to lower wages with so-called right-to-work laws, or to maintain low pay by fighting efforts to raise the minimum wage. Do they fear this robust job growth will lead to higher wages so laws should be imposed to keep them low?

There can be no complacency about jobs. A good year, an excellent six months hardly mean all our employment troubles are behind us. It does, however, mean that people involved in economic development should prioritize strategies to improve the skills of Kentucky workers and so attract even better jobs rather than finding new ways to bid for a bigger spot near the bottom of the labor market.

—Lexington Herald-Leader

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# City, State Buried By Second Big Snow

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the area, causing Kentucky State Police and Trigg County authorities to force all west-bound traffic off I-24 at Exit 65 in Cadiz. By midnight all of I-24 was closed from Calvert City to Cadiz.

“The eastbound side of I-24 looks like a parking lot,” KYTC

spokesman Keith Todd said late Thursday morning. “We think there could be as many as 600 (vehicles stopped).”

A stranded trucker reported watching as families abandoned their vehicles and walked to a nearby truck stop in search of food and warmth.

According to emergency

management officials all roadways in Kentucky were impacted by the heavy snow. Motorists were evacuated by county emergency personnel, law enforcement and the Kentucky National Guard. Forty-six counties and 20 cities declared states of emergency during this storm.

The National Weather

Service estimated snowfall amounts at 8 to 24 inches. While the transportation cabinet reported 15 inches in Hopkins County at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Dawson Springs recorded 21 inches. The deepest snow in the state was 25 inches near Radcliff in Hardin County where a trained spotter measured several places that

averaged 25 inches.

Kentuckians are now being cautioned about the possibility of high water and flooding in parts of the state in the aftermath of the storm. With rising temperatures melting the record amounts of snow and rain forecast for much of the week, water could be the next weather-related problem.



THIS view of Railroad Avenue looking west toward city hall early Thursday, March 5, shows the work already underway by the street department and the hours of labor still ahead.



BRIAN SIZEMORE clears the street at the corner of Russell Street and Hamby Avenue Thursday, March 5.

## Activities Are Planned

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coming publicity. Flyers for Mule Day, Derby for the Darby, Take Kids Fishing Day and Dawson Springs Fun Weekend will be placed on the city website.

Mule Day will be advertised on WHOP radio, and Mayor Jenny Sewell will be interviewed on air at 8:30 a.m. April 23.

Charlie Beshears said storyteller Donna Slaton, known as Miss Pockets, will be added to the Mule Day activities. She will give three or four 30-minute performances.

A committee will be formed to prepare for the celebration of the 100th anniversary of Riverside Park. Virginia Chaney noted that baseball in Dawson Springs will be commemorated in a display at the museum beginning in mid-June.

Sewell told the group that Dawson Springs is featured in Explore Kentucky magazine with six pages of pictures, old post cards and articles.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will take place April 14.

## Change The Batteries

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and pets,” said Swope.

Education is the key to preventing fires in the home, Swope said.

“Make sure everyone in your home knows about fire prevention and what to do in case of a fire in your residence,” he said. “And pay particular attention to family members with disabilities to ensure everyone escapes a home fire successfully. Have a fire escape plan that includes two ways out for everyone.”

Swope encourages families to take the time to practice the escape plan.

“Families should practice their escape plan or home fire drill at night and during the day, with everyone in your home, twice a year. Practice using different ways out and teach your children how to escape on their own in case you can’t help them,” he said.

Additional information on fire prevention is available at <http://www.nfpa.org/safety-information>.

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# Young baseball team should be much improved

“We lost the seniors, but we have more talent than last year — it’s just younger talent,” second-year Panther head baseball coach Brady Brooks said about his team before the season begins next week.

The Panthers lost two key players from last year, pitcher/short stop Gage Brewer and pitcher/catcher Brad Puckett.

This year’s team has only one senior, Steven Bearden. He played first base last year but will move to the hot corner at third base.

Brooks has a dugout full of young arms to use on the hill, led by sophomore Dakota Jones and freshmen Ryan Bardin and Kevin Brooks, the coach’s son.

“Our pitchers have been throwing since Janury,” Coach Brooks said. “Their arms are in good shape.”

Coach Brooks speaks of his new assistant coach, Rob Thomas, as being a very valuable asset for his team and the pitching staff. Thomas was a stellar pitcher at Caldwell County High School.

“He (Thomas) has brought in a lot of new ideas, new drills and good morale,” Coach Brooks said. “He’s already helped our pitchers a lot. He’s a tremendous help.”

Bardin will be the team’s starting catcher, when he’s not on the mound in which case fellow freshman Kameron Orten will be behind the plate.

On the infield, Jones and Kevin Brooks will both see time at short stop with sophomore David Price playing second base. Austin Ryan, a junior who did not play last year because of an injury, will be at first base.

The outfield will be manned by sophomore Nathan Bearden and freshmen Cole Collins and Orten.

The bench should prove to be an improvement this year for the Panthers.

“We have talent on the bench we didn’t have last year,” Coach Brooks said. “Jacob Guill is an eighth grader and is really talented. He will see some action at second base.”

The team’s roster is:

- Senior: Steven Bearden.
- Junior: Austin Ryan.
- Sophomores: Dakota Jones and David Price.

• Freshmen: Ryan Bardin, Devon Baker, Kevin Brooks, Cole Collins, Ethan Garrison, Jett McKnight, Kameron Orten and Tanner Varney.

- Eighth grader: Jacob Guill.

Seventh graders: Brennen Cunningham and Talon Moore.



THESE four Panthers made all district teams in the 7th District. Dylan Simpson was named to the boys all district basketball team and Tiki Robinson (center, right photo) was named to the girls all district basketball team. Kaitlyn Menser (left, right photo) and Cameron Riley were named as all-district cheerleaders.

submitted photos



# Youth and untested lineup to be challenge for Panthers

“We are basically starting over,” Panther softball head coach Kent Workman said in the gym following another one of his team’s practices held inside due to weather and field conditions. “We are going to be young all around.”

Although his team only lost one senior, Bradleigh Bruch, from last year’s team, three other players chose not to play this year including Courtney Copeland, who was the team’s pitcher. Bruch was one of the team’s best hitters and anchored the third base position on the infield.

One bright spot for the Panthers is the return of junior Tiki Robinson who chose to not play last year.

“We are mostly all freshmen and below, except for four juniors and a sophomore,” Workman said.

The team will have six freshmen, one eighth grader and four seventh graders.

“We are going to have to get the girls some experience,” the coach said.

Workman says Reagan Riggs, a freshman, will pitch for the Panthers while seventh-grader Jalynn Hooper will be her bettery mate behind the plate.

Riggs pitched in junior varsity games last year. Workman says getting his pitcher and catcher “in sync” will be a key to their success as well as the team’s success.

The infield will have three who saw a lot of action last year, along with Robinson.

Kiana Hooper (freshman) will be at third, Erin Woolsey (sophomore) will play first, and Tori Bullock (freshman) along with Robinson will split the middle infield positions. Workman expects to get offensive output from each of these

positions.

In the outfield will be Savannah Bean, Madison Riggs and Heather Genseal. Riggs and Bean are juniors while Genseal is a freshman.

“Our schedule is about the same as in past years,” Workman said. “There will be some tough games, especially in the district. Madisonville is a power house again, and Central and Caldwell will be good.”

Another concern for Workman, who is assisted by his daughter Elizabeth Robinson, is the team hasn’t been able to practice outside, much less on the field, due to the weather.

“We haven’t been able to get outside, but the girls have been working really hard,” he said. “There’s only so much you can do inside, but everybody’s in the same boat with practices.”

With his young team with little experience at key positions for softball, Workman says keeping everyone healthy

will be a “big thing.”

Also, with his young team, he will stress his players keeping focus.

“With younger kids, that’s a bit harder to keep them focused for seven innings.”

When the first pitch is thrown, which is scheduled for Tuesday at Webster County, the girls should be ready to step into their roles. However, Workman says there will be days “when we have to sit down after the game and look at the positives and negatives.”

The team’s roster includes:

• Juniors: Savannah Bean, Marissa Coyazo, Madison Riggs and Tiki Robinson.

• Sophomore: Erin Woolsey.

• Freshmen: Katie Alexander, Tori Bullock, Heather Genseal, Kiana Hooper, Reagan Riggs and Isabel Spurlin.

• Eighth grader: CarlyAnn Alexander.

• Seventh graders: Kaitlynn Dearing, Jalynn Hooper, Baylee Peek and Cindy Solomon.

## DAWSON SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL

### 2015 BASEBALL SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Opponent	Team	Location	Time
Mon.	Mar. 16	Madisonville-North Hop.	V/V	Away	5:30
Tue.	Mar. 17	Webster County	V/VJ	Away	5:30
Thur.	Mar. 19	Hopkins County Central	V/V	Away	5:30
Fri.	Mar. 20	Crittenden County	V/VJ	Away	5:30
Sat.	Mar. 21	Whitesville Trinity	V/V	Away	Noon
Mon.	Mar. 23	Livingston Central	V/VJ	Home	5:30
Thur.	Mar. 26	Lyon County	V/VJ	Home	5:30
Sat.	Mar. 28	Carlisle County	V/V	Home	11 am
Mon.	Mar. 30	Christian Fellowship	V	Away	5:00
Tue.	Mar. 31	Caldwell County	V/VJ	Home	5:30
Thur.	Apr. 2	Todd County Central	V/VJ	Home	5:30
Mon.	Apr. 13	All “A” Classic vs. UHA	V	Home	5:30
T-Th.	Apr. 14-16	All “A” Classic	V	Home	6:00
Sat.	Apr. 18	Cardinal Classic at Livingston	V/V	Away	10 am
Mon.	Apr. 20	Crittenden County	V/VJ	Home	5:30
Tue.	Apr. 21	Lyon County	V/VJ	Away	5:30
Fri.	Apr. 24	Union County	F/F	Away	5:30
Sat.	Apr. 25	Hopkins Central JV Tourney	JV/JV	Away	9 am
Mon.	Apr. 27	Livingston Central	V/VJ	Away	5:30
Tue.	Apr. 28	Christian Fellowship	V	Home	5:30
Thur.	Apr. 30	Todd County Central	V/VJ	Away	5:30
Mon.	May 4	Caldwell County	V/VJ	Away	5:30
Thur.	May 7	Webster County	V/VJ	Home	5:30
Wed.	Mar. 13	Fort Campbell	V/VJ	Home	5:30
Thur.	May 14	Ohio County	V/VJ	Home	5:30
Fri.	May 15	Fort Campbell	V/VJ	Away	5:30

## DAWSON SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL

### 2015 SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Opponent	Team	Location	Time
Tue.	Mar. 17	Webster County	V/JV	Away	5:30
Thur.	Mar. 19	Hopkins County Central	V/F	Home	5:30
Tue.	Mar. 24	Fort Campbell	V/JV	Away	5:30
Thur.	Mar. 26	Madisonville-North Hopkins	V/JV	Away	5:30
Fri.	Mar. 27	Lyon County	V/JV	Away	5:30
Tue.	Mar. 31	Caldwell County	V/JV	Away	5:30
Thur.	Apr. 2	Crittenden County	V/JV	Away	5:30
Fri.	Apr. 3	Christian Fellowship	V	Away	5:30
Mon.	Apr. 13	All “A” Classic	V	Critt. Co.	5:30
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Thur.	Apr. 16	Madisonville-North Hopkins	V/JV	Home	5:30
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Mon.	Apr. 27	Webster County	V/JV	Home	5:30
Tue.	Apr. 28	Christian Fellowship	V	Home	5:30
Thur.	Apr. 30	Crittenden County	V/JV	Home	5:30
Fri.	May 8	Lyon County	V/JV	Home	5:30
Tue.	May 12	Hopkinsville	V/JV	Home	5:30
Fri.	May 15	Fort Campbell	V/JV	Home	5:30

\*Denotes reschedule if advance in All “A” Tournament

# Kentucky takes 31-0 record into tournament

By Keith Taylor  
The Winchester Sun

Kentucky has won eight national championships and nobody has won more games in the history of college basketball.

The school’s 2,171st win victory Saturday will go down as one of the most memorable feats in school history. Prior to the Wildcats’ 67-50 win over Florida, only one other Kentucky team had run the table during the regular season.

Kentucky’s 1953-54 team finished 25-0 but declined an invitation to the NCAA Tournament because three players had already graduated and were ruled ineligible. Herky Rupp, son of late Kentucky coach Adolph Rupp, was a member of the last Wildcat team to end the regular season with a perfect finish and served as the ceremonial “Y” during the second half in the win over the Gators.

With a team filled with an abundance of talent, Kentucky coach John Calipari praised his team’s ability to deal with lofty expectations and pressure of playing for the Wild-

cats throughout the year.

“Every game is an event,” he said. “Every game they’ve played this year is an event, every game is somebody’s Super Bowl. Every game the (opposing coach) would walk off the court and say that was the best we have played all year. They took on the challenges.

“They were able to shield (the proverbial shots) and play for each other. They are able to play for each other. They did it again today.”

Florida coach Billy Donovan gave the Wildcats a pat on the back on their accomplishments following the loss, and said the finish deserved to be recognized locally, regionally

and nationally.

“What they’ve done may not happen again for a long, long time,” he said. “I think it’s really important that people at least reflect in a real positive way of what they’ve accomplished this season.”

On a day traditionally reserved for seniors, the entire team stood in the spotlight. Brian Long, Tod Lanter and Sam Malone were honored before the contest, but their fellow teammates handled the rest after tipoff. Karl-Anthony Towns made sure the perfect record stayed intact with 13 points, nine rebounds and six blocks against the Gators, but said the record is now a thing of the past.

“The perfect (regular) season doesn’t matter to us,” he said. “A national championship is what matters to us. That’s what our goal is.”

Along with a perfect finish, Kentucky claimed the school’s 46th Southeastern Conference regular-season title, three more than the rest of the conference schools combined. The 31 straight victories mark the first time a college team from one of the five major confer-

ences hasn’t lost during the regular season since Indiana University went undefeated during the 1975-76 campaign. The Hoosiers went on to win the national championship and ended with a 32-0 record.

“This is a great story for college athletics, for society,” Calipari said. “Instead of me, me, me, it’s us, us, us. When you do that, we all benefit.

“This is how this is supposed to work. We do this together, everyone benefits. Not the school, not the coach, all the players benefit. That’s what’s happening and I’m proud of them.”

It remains to be seen whether or not Kentucky can win the school’s ninth national championship. The Wildcats can afford a misstep in the Southeastern Conference Tournament this week, but won’t be afforded the same luxury in the NCAA Tournament.

That’s when it gets real. The goal is to take all the marbles, not just 31 of them.

“Our journey is not done,” Kentucky freshman Trey Lyles said.

A new one begins Friday in the SEC Tournament.

## Southeastern Conference Tournament

March 11–15 at Nashville

9 Alabama (31-0)	Noon, Thursday			
8 Florida (31-0)		Noon, Friday		
12 Miss. State (13-18)	6 p.m. Wednesday		Noon, Saturday	
13 Auburn (12-19)	2:30 p.m., Thursday			
5 Texas A&M (20-10)		2:30 p.m., Friday		
		4 LSU (22-9)		
10 Tennessee (15-15)	6 p.m., Thursday		Noon, Sunday	
7 Vanderbilt (19-12)		6 p.m., Friday		
		2 Arkansas (24-7)		
11 S. Carolina (14-15)	8:30 p.m. Wednesday		2:30 p.m., Saturday	
14 Missouri (9-22)	8:30 p.m., Thursday			
6 Ole Miss (20-11)		8:30 p.m., Friday		
		3 Georgia 20-10)		

Second games 25 minutes after first game. All games Wednesday, Thursday and Friday televised on SEC Network. Saturday and Sunday games televised on ESPN.



# SEC Tournament ... those who matter, enjoy every moment, Fans

Pre-dance reflections before Big Dance begins.  
Alas, John Calipari ignored another Mark Twain classic last week. *Never miss a good chance to shut up.*  
Kentucky coach doesn't like being bothered with the SEC Tournament. He would skip it and "get on to the next tournament."  
The impetuous rush to such fans-don't-matter lame-brainery brought to mind an old Yiddish proverb: "Man makes plans, God laughs."  
Suggestion for ball coach and rubber stampers for his logic: Step back boys and girls, take a breath, consult the national weather service for latest asteroid collision odds, check your blood pressure and pulse, and lighten up. By time you get your results, the next ball tournament might be in the twilight zone.

## Reflections.

1. An SEC Tournament without Kentucky would be ... like a Voice without Dick Vitale ... President Obama without critics ... Vladimir Putin without the Mob. Besides, SEC football and teevee network need the money.
2. SEC Tournament ... those who matter, enjoy every moment, Fans.
3. Florida coach Billy knows: "When you look at a team, so much of the team is based on chemistry, how connected they are, how they play for each other, share the ball, all those kinds of things." Says everything team, doesn't it?
4. As certain as crocus and spring forward the clocks in March, poets, songsters and nicknamers are abloom about the Wildcats. An obvious theme tune: *We Will Rock You* and *We Are the Champions!*
5. 28 million, 851 thousand, 955. Number of YouTube hits for *We Will Rock You*.
6. Statistic mostly ignored. Kentucky's bench outscored Florida's 46-13 in regular season finale marked 31st time this season UK won *bench points*.
7. 929 consecutive games with a made a 3-pointer by Kentucky dates back almost to days when fans were



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- naming their kids Kyle.
8. Murray State did *what?* Won 27 games, 16-0 in OVC, climbed to No. 25 in polls, then lost the OVC's automatic bid to The Dance. The cha-ching sound in Murray Monday was an accountant calculating how much money the school loses unless Steve Prohm's team gets an at-large bid.
  9. Louisville did what? Knocked Virginia off a one-seed line?
  10. Hero Who Dept: UofL sophomore Mangok Mathiang rainbowed in a game winning 15-foot swisher with 2.7 left ... his only shot of the game and first field goal in five weeks.
  11. Newspaper headline in Lexington: *Is SEC tourney superfluous to UK?*  
A living, breathing organism, is this tournament. Pinnacle entertainment for fans. To inject the word *superfluous* smacks as cheap four-syllable arrogance.
  12. Cities in the south bid smartly for the SEC carnival and site of Big Blue Nation's annual convention. Fans care enough to take off work, pay top dollar for tickets, hotel rental, eateries and entertainment.
  13. Parallel universe, media types who disparage the tournament are same boys and girls who take up lodgings paid for by employers, occupy first four-five rows at the arena free, dine on the SEC's hospitality dime, and privileged to pen prose, share bad jokes and take a nap.
  14. Rumor: Duke University's athletics department still riding out the media storm from alleged sexual assault involving ex-player Rasheed Sulaimon, sent a thank you note to Syracuse University's athletics department.
  15. Jim Boeheim ... say it ain't so, Jimbo. Another rich ball coach stopped paying attention. NCAA's Committee on Infractions report: 2001-2009, Syracuse did not follow its written drug policy; academic misconduct; extra benefits and impermissible booster activity.
  16. Calipari connection. Boeheim is embarrassed, but safe. His "I didn't know therefore I am not responsible," defense worked for John Calipari twice.

- Sanctions? No Boeheim on sideline for nine ACC games next year, forfeit 12 scholarships over four years, vacate 108 coaching wins five years probation.
17. Money. Attendance records at Syracuse are second only to Kentucky, Carrier Dome profits move the school's highest paid employee Boeheim to say "I'm not going anywhere." Translation: Too big to fail.
  18. No Big Dance for Syracuse means time for Boeheim's lawyers to spin this away. A clandestine call to Dick Vitale ought to set in motion the PR rehab. Wait for, "Bum wrap for Jim, bay-bee,"
  - Couple 20-win seasons, this hubbub will be forgotten. Syracuse will retire a jersey with Boeheim's name on it and he can resume being Hall of Fame famous.
  - Sound familiar?  
America, I love this place!
  19. Tee-shirts. 31-0 Not Done. Did you buy for one of those?
  20. ACC Tournament team nobody wants to play is Duke, right? Pencil in North Carolina State.
  21. "Every game seems to be an event," Calipari said last week. Leaves us to wonder, you've been around here how long?
  22. UK Fan 1: "When they come out I'm gonna get me one of those 40-0 tee-shirts." UK Fan 2: "What if Kentucky finishes, say 37-1?" UK fan 1: "Whaaaa... 37 and 1? Why, that would be a disaster!"
  23. Worth Repeating Dept. Email from Mike Giorgio in Bowling Green following Kentucky's win on Georgia's Senior Night.  
"Did you notice a couple of Kentucky players clapping FOR the Georgia Seniors as they walked off the court with nine seconds to go? That was a hell of a display of kindness to stand there and applaud those guys. That's some class. I think these are the best young kids Kentucky has had in decades, clean kids with hearts."
  24. Having read about Kentucky's Fabulous Five and Terrible Trio, having watched the Fiddlers, Runts, Unforgettables and Anthony Davis, my ballot is cast. Best team in Kentucky basketball history is this one, 2014-15.

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# Fish hit close to home at FINs lakes

By Kevin Kelly  
Kentucky Afield Outdoors

Heavy rain and a break from sub-freezing temperatures earlier this week melted snowpack still lingering from the last major winter storm to hit Kentucky and caused flooding just as another potent system took aim on the state.  
The Weather Channel dubbed it, "Winter Storm Thor." Anglers itching to grab a rod and reel cursed it as they reached for snow shovels again.  
The arrival of March is the start of a new license year in Kentucky and reassurance that spring is near. One of the best places to put a 2015-16 fishing license to use in early spring is at a Fishing in Neighborhoods (FINs) lake.  
"As soon as you get the first couple of warm days in March, take full advantage of the nice weather and break that cabin fever," said Dane Balsman, urban fisheries program coordinator with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources.  
FINs lakes provide good fishing opportunities close to home.  
Kentucky Fish and Wildlife stocks these 40 lakes with rainbow trout and catfish. The largemouth bass and sunfish populations are closely monitored and supported with stockings as needed. This year, the department plans to stock a total of 148,750 rainbow trout, 113,900 catfish and 30,000 hybrid sunfish in FINs lakes, Balsman said.  
Catfish and trout are scheduled to be stocked this month. Hybrid sunfish will be stocked in early June.  
Stocking schedules are posted online and updated frequently. On the department's homepage at fw.ky.gov, click on the "Fish" tab and choose "Recreational Fishing" from the dropdown menu. A link to the FINs page is listed under the section, "Where to Fish."  
A prolonged period of extreme cold in Kentucky iced over many FINs lakes and delayed some February trout stockings. In northern Kentucky, for example, Camp Ernst Lake in Boone County, Southgate and Alexandria Community Park lakes in Campbell County, Middleton Mills Long Pond and Shelterhouse Pond and Prisoners Lake in Kenton County will receive their February and March trout stockings this month because conditions prevented stocking last month.  
Fish stocked before the deep freeze set in this winter will be primed once the ice melts.  
"We stocked a lot of these lakes the first week or two of February, right before they froze," Balsman

## Kentucky Afield



KENTUCKY AFIELD PHOTO

An angler holds an albino channel catfish caught last October from Upper Sportsman's Lake at the headquarters of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources in Frankfort. Upper Sportsman's Lake is one of the 40 Fishing in Neighborhoods (FINs) lakes scattered across Kentucky. All of these lakes offer excellent fishing for catfish, sunfish, largemouth bass and trout in the cooler months.

said. "As soon as this ice comes off, there are going to be a lot of those trout that are going to be hungry and ready to feed."  
Daily limits for FINs lakes remain five rainbow trout, four catfish, one largemouth bass over 15 inches and 15 bluegill or other sunfish.  
Trout may find brightly-colored dough bait, corn or red worms fished on the bottom or beneath a bobber to their liking. A small in-line spinner may entice a trout into biting as well. In the spring, Balsman sees catfish anglers having success using worms and chicken, shrimp or hot dogs marinated in strawberry-flavored drink mix. Try a small feathered jig, commonly called

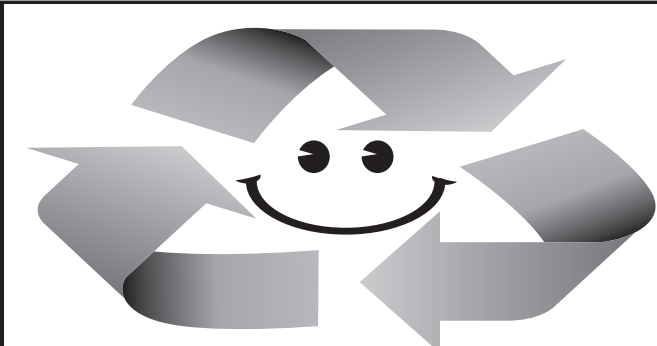
a Pop Eye in Kentucky, tipped with a wax worm fished under a bobber for hybrid sunfish.  
Anglers ages 16 and older will need a statewide fishing license, unless license exempt. Licensed anglers who intend to keep their trout must also purchase a trout permit. The permit is included in the Sportsman's and Senior licenses. Holding a trout in a livewell or fish basket or on a stringer and later releasing it is considered culling, which is illegal.  
Anglers are encouraged to exercise care when handling a fish that they intend to release.  
"These lakes do get a lot of pressure and a lot of anglers fish them," Balsman said. "From the creel surveys that we've done, we see the harvest almost mirrors the number of fish that we put in. But the number caught actually exceeds what's been stocked. We think these fish are being caught multiple times before ultimately being harvested. If you're serious about catch and release, practice good technique and leave the fish in decent shape."  
An outing to the nearest FINs lake in spring is a great way to get the family outdoors, or for novice anglers to gain some experience. Best of all, it's a sure-fire way to forget the cold and the snow.

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# Naismith semifinalists listed

Kentucky forward Willie Cauley-Stein and Murray State guard Cameron Payne have been named as two of the semifinalists for the Naismith Trophy, given annually to the top player in men's college basketball.  
Cauley-Stein is averaging 8.9 points, 6.4 rebounds, 1.4 steals, and 1.6 blocks per game and is the anchor of the 30-0 Wildcats' defense.  
Payne, meanwhile, leads the Racers in points per game at 20.2 and assists per game at 5.7 and had helped Murray win a school-record 24 games in a row entering the OVC Tournament.  
Payne and Cauley-Stein are the two headliners from the state, but there are other names on the Naismith semifinalist list that should ring a bell for basketball fans in this state.

Gonzaga forward Kyle Wiltjer, a former starter for Kentucky before transferring two years ago, and Ohio State guard D'Angelo Russell, a native of Louisville, are two other names on the list.  
Notre Dame guard Jerian Grant, Wisconsin forward Frank Kaminsky, Duke center Jahliil Okafor, Gonzaga guard Kevin Pangos, Northern Iowa center Seth Tuttle, and Utah guard Delon Wright are the other semifinalists for the award. The list will be narrowed down to four finalists on March 22.  
UK center Anthony Davis remains the only player from the state to win the Naismith Trophy, earning the award in 2012 as he helped lead the Wildcats to a national title.



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# INSIDE COLLEGE BASKETBALL

A WEEKLY SPIN AROUND THE WORLD OF COLLEGE HOOPS

## THE 10 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT MARCH MADNESS

### 1. KENTUCKY IS GOING FOR PERFECTION

College basketball hasn't had a story like this since — when, exactly? Kevin Durant vs. Greg Oden in the first year of one-and-done in 2007? The Christian Laettner era at Duke? This is the No. 1 story in college basketball as Kentucky tries to match Indiana's 1975-76 undefeated national championship team. Only five teams since have entered their league tournament undefeated, and only 1991 UNLV could claim to be as divisive. No fan base is more invested than Kentucky's, and John Calipari may be the only coach to match Mike Krzyzewski as a love-him-or-hate-him figure in the sport. One way or another, Kentucky will make history in this Tournament — either by becoming the first team to go 40-0 or being on the wrong end of a monumental upset.

### 2. THERE'S DRAMA IN THE PLAYER OF THE YEAR RACE

Maybe it's for the best that the race for the Wooden or Naismith awards doesn't get the same hype as the Heisman Trophy. A year after the Player of the Year award was a season-long coronation for Creighton's Doug McDermott, the sport has a legitimate two-player race between Duke's Jahlil Okafor and Wisconsin's Frank Kaminsky. Both play center for national championship contenders, but they don't fit the same profile. Okafor, who does his best work around the basket, has been a contender for the No. 1 overall draft pick since he was in high school. Kaminsky, who is more of a threat from the perimeter, was a virtual unknown two years ago. This will be the most heated Player of the Year race since Duke's J.J. Redick and Gonzaga's Adam Morrison shared the award in 2005-06.

### 3. A FINAL FOUR DROUGHT COULD END OUT WEST

The two best coaches who have never reached the Final Four both reside out West, and both may have their best chance to reach the final weekend of the NCAA Tournament. Gonzaga's Mark Few has a 30-win team that may be better than his Bulldogs team that was a No. 1 seed in 2013 or the team with Adam Morrison in 2006. Meanwhile, Sean Miller's Arizona team recently wrapped up another Pac-12 championship and will enter the postseason with one of the best rosters in the nation. Miller has been to the Elite Eight three times in his career, once with Xavier and twice with Arizona.

### 4. MANY MORE WINS ON THE HORIZON FOR COACH K

Earlier this season, Duke's Mike Krzyzewski became the first Division I coach to reach the 1,000-win mark, and he has a team that should be able to build upon that total in the NCAA Tournament. He has Okafor anchoring the center spot, but his backcourt of freshman Tyus Jones and senior Quinn Cook may be the most clutch duo in the country. Depth and defense remain an issue for the Blue Devils, so there's hope for the Duke haters who enjoyed the Devils' recent Round of 64 losses to Mercer (2014) and Lehigh (2012).

### 5. VIRGINIA IS A NATIONAL POWER

Virginia hasn't been this good since Ralph Sampson played for the Cavaliers, but what's most remarkable is that the Cavs aren't doing it with a ton of stars or flash. Virginia has won back-to-back ACC regular-season titles and enters conference tournament season with just two losses. Coach Tony Bennett has done this without a five-star prospect or a McDonald's All-American and without his top player, Justin Anderson, for the final eight games of the regular season. The style isn't for everyone — Virginia ranks 349th of 351 team in terms of tempo — but it is effective.

### 6. NO ONE IS TALKING ABOUT VILLANOVA

Villanova has lost only two games yet is flying under the national radar — a bit puzzling for a program that has won a national championship, been to a Final Four in recent years and has a star coach on the bench. The reason? Maybe it's because the Big East doesn't get much exposure from ESPN since most of its games are on FOX Sports 1. Or possibly because Villanova lost last season as a No. 2 seed in the Round of 32. Whatever the reason, don't hold it against this year's Villanova team. The Wildcats are in the top 20 in both offensive and defensive efficiency, a trademark of teams that go on to win the national title.

### 7. OFF-COURT ISSUES CLOUD BIG-NAME COACHES

This has not been a good year for Hall of Fame coaches. Duke's Mike Krzyzewski dismissed a player (Rasheed Sulaimon) who was later revealed to be facing sexual assault allegations. Syracuse banned itself from the post-

## PRIME TIME PLAYERS

**Devin Williams** tied a career high with 22 points and added 13 rebounds to lead West Virginia — playing without star guard Juwan Staten (injured) — to an 81-72 win over Oklahoma State. ... Forward **Daniel Ochefu** (21 points, nine rebounds) was one of five Villanova players in double figures in the Wildcats' dominating 105-68 win over St. John's. ... With Selection Sunday looming, Xavier avoided a bad loss by beating Creighton 74-73 in Omaha. **Matt Stainbrook** led the way with 26 points and nine rebounds. ... **Craig Bradshaw** scored 25 points and **Taylor Barnette** hit a go-ahead 3-pointer with 3.2 seconds remaining to lift Belmont to an 88-87 upset over Murray State in the OVC Tournament championship game. ... **Montrezl Harrell** scored 20 points and

grabbed 12 boards to help Louisville knock off ACC regular-season champ Virginia, 59-57. ... Freshman point guard **Tyus Jones** scored 24 points (12-of-12 from the foul line) and added seven assists and three steals as Duke completed the season sweep over North Carolina with an 84-77 win in Chapel Hill. ... **Aaron White** continued his strong play for Iowa with a 25-point, eight-rebound performance in the Hawkeyes' 69-52 win over Northwestern. White is averaging 22.8 points in his last five games. ... **D.J. Newbill** scored 31 points, none more important than the 3-pointer he drained at the buzzer to give Penn State a 79-76 win at Minnesota. ... **Demarcus Daniels** scored 22 points off the bench to lead North Florida to a 63-57 win over USC Upstate in the Atlantic Sun championship game. The Ospreys are headed to the NCAA Tournament for the first time.

### Aubrey Dawkins, Michigan

After scoring a total of seven points in consecutive games against Ohio State and Maryland in late February, Dawkins opened March with a bang, averaging 26.0 points last week as Michigan split a pair of games with Northwestern (loss) and Rutgers (win). Seldom-used earlier in the year, the freshman swingman has been pressed into duty due to injury and is emerging as one of Michigan's top offensive options.



Aaron Harrison and the Wildcats head to the SEC Tournament in Nashville after completing a perfect 31-0 regular season.

season months before the NCAA hammered the Orange and coach Jim Boheim for a wide range of violations. North Carolina coach Roy Williams has an athletic department embroiled in an ongoing academic scandal that seems to get worse every passing week. SMU coach Larry Brown was without his star recruit (point guard Emmanuel Mudiay) who is playing overseas and had to deal with eligibility issues with other key players.

Kansas' most highly touted freshman and pro prospect (Cliff Alexander) might not play again this season while the NCAA investigates possible contact between his family and an agent. Why don't we all get back to basketball for a bit.

### 8. YOU'RE GOING TO GET ANNOYED AT OFFICIALS

The NCAA Tournament is the crown jewel of the college basketball season and the only college athletics event that comes close to rivaling football. If that's the case, then why is the product sometimes so crummy? If you're just checking in with the sport, be prepared: Officiating is inconsistent, defensive players are allowed too much contact, and the end of games take for-ev-er due to too many team and official timeouts. This, unfortunately, is the norm.

### 9. POWER TEAMS WILL BE AT HOME

Hope you didn't expect to tune in to watch Syracuse, UConn, Memphis and Florida in this field. They're home. Sorry. UCLA and Texas enter their respective conference tournaments on the bubble and could be headed for the NIT.

### 10. BIG NAMES WILL BE BACK

In the place of those powerhouses, you should be able to welcome back Larry Brown, who hasn't been to the NCAA Tournament since 1988. Brown's SMU team was snubbed last season, and now the Mustangs are closing in on their first appearance since 1993. Other powers due to be back after missing out in recent years: Purdue (2012), Maryland (2010), Utah (2009) and Arkansas (2008).

### ATHLON SPORTS TOP 25

1. Kentucky (31-0)
2. Duke (28-3)
3. Virginia (28-2)
4. Villanova (29-2)
5. Arizona (28-3)
6. Wisconsin (28-3)
7. Gonzaga (30-2)
8. Kansas (24-7)
9. Baylor (23-8)
10. Northern Iowa (30-3)
11. Maryland (26-5)
12. Notre Dame (26-5)
13. Iowa State (22-8)
14. Oklahoma (21-9)
15. West Virginia (23-8)
16. Louisville (24-7)
17. Wichita State (28-4)
18. Georgetown (20-9)
19. Butler (22-9)
20. Arkansas (24-7)
21. Utah (23-7)
22. North Carolina (21-10)
23. Providence (21-10)
24. SMU (24-6)
25. Davidson (23-6)

### PLAYER OF THE YEAR WATCH

**1. Frank Kaminsky, Wisconsin** Kaminsky closed out his final regular season in style, averaging 22.5 points, 5.5 rebounds and 5.0 assists as the Badgers put the finishing touches on a Big Ten Title with wins at Minnesota and Ohio State.

**2. Jahlil Okafor, Duke** Okafor had a relatively quiet week, averaging 10.0 points and 4.0 rebounds as Duke routed Wake Forest (94-51) in Durham and topped rival North Carolina (84-77) in Chapel Hill.

**3. Willie Cauley-Stein, Kentucky** Cauley-Stein and the Wildcats finished the regular season with a 31-0 mark after beating Georgia and Florida last week.

**5. D'Angelo Russell, Ohio State** Russell ended what figures to be his only regular season at Ohio State by averaging 22.5 points and four assists in a win at Penn State and a home loss to Wisconsin.

**5. Jerian Grant, Notre Dame** The senior scored 19 points and had five rebounds and eight assists in the Fighting Irish's 81-67 win over Clemson on Saturday.

Harrison: Harrison McClary; Bennett: CSM/Landov; Dawkins: Melanie Maxwell/The Ann Arbor News/Landov

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# Digging Out From Almost 2 Feet Of Snow!



BUDDY CASTLE (clockwise, from upper left), Consey Pagano, Mary Ruth Armstrong and Sheila Johnson were all digging out Thursday and Friday, March 5 and 6, after last week's snow storm dumped almost two feet of snow on Dawson Springs.



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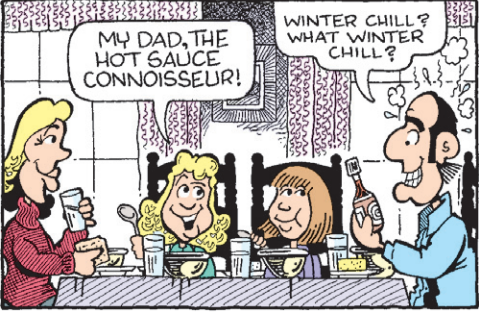


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by Linda Thistle

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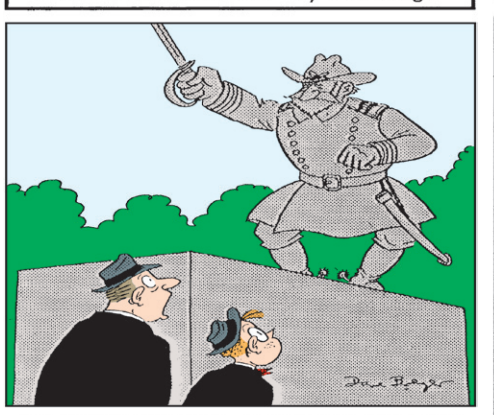
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"Ninety years already—and they still can't raise the money for the horse..."

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



# TRIVIA TEST

1. ASTRONOMY: What former planet in our solar system was downgraded to a "dwarf planet" in 2006?

2. GEOGRAPHY: Where was Shakespeare's Globe Theater located?

3. LITERATURE: What was the name of the character in "A Midsummer Night's Dream" who had a donkey's head as a result of a spell?

4. TELEVISION: What was the name of the agent played by Efrem Zimbalist Jr. on "The F.B.I." series?

5. LANGUAGE: What five-letter word contains five personal pronouns?

6. MYTHOLOGY: Who was the Greek goddess of the moon?

7. RELIGION: What is the first of the seven sacraments in Christian theology?

8. MOVIES: What was the home planet of Luke Skywalker in "Star Wars"?

9. GEOGRAPHY: Where are the Faroe Islands located?

10. HISTORY: What type of gun was used to assassinate President Abraham Lincoln?

Answers

1. Pluto

2. London

3. Nick Bottom

4. Lewis Erskine

5. USHER (us, she, he, her and hers)

6. Selene

7. Baptism

8. Tatooine

9. Halfway between Norway and Iceland

10. A derringer pistol

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ACROSS

1 Sol, la or ti

5 Low-pitched

9 Salt Lake City resident

14 Ahead by a single point

19 Otherworldly glow

20 Admit openly

21 Spanish appetizers

22 More sensible

23 Datum for a hard drive

26 Brand of fake fat

27 Geriatrics topic

28 Vegetable in Cajun cuisine

29 Beach birds

31 St. Patty's land

32 Gains' opposites

34 Australian avian

35 Defunct figure-skating show

37 Robin's place

39 Woven together

41 Take one's turn after all others

42 Actress married to Steven Spielberg

47 Develops an affinity for

48 Strong glue

49 MGM lion

50 Sling mud at

54 Mushy food

55 Itinerary info

56 Morganstern of 1970s TV

57 Hoarse

62 Evoke

64 Camera-to-computer upload

66 Like some sci-fi aliens, location-wise

67 Caterer's receptacle

69 Got the gold

70 Fruity frozen dessert

71 Jackson or Lincoln, e.g.

74 Lay to final rest

75 Actress Daly and novelist O'Connell

76 Largest frat in the U.S.

77 Pooch name

79 Lowly worker

81 — la (utopia)

83 College e-mail ender

84 Supreme Court's Sotomayor

85 With 33-Down, arm of the Indian Ocean

89 Voyager Golden Record, e.g.

92 Roving sorts

93 Is sickeningly sweet

96 Old fruity soda

97 Sailor's reply

99 In shape

101 Should it happen that

106 Skinny

107 Epsom —

108 Redding with a Grammy

110 Flynn of early films

111 Classic tune

113 Snapshot go-withs

116 Edmund of "Miracle on 34th Street"

117 Apple messaging software

118 Like men

119 Ovid's 2,002

120 Swamp plant

121 Bête —

122 Multitude

123 Word hidden backwards in this puzzle's eight longest answers

33 See 85-Across

36 Kitty

38 Snowball impact sound

40 Extend — welcome

42 Beer cask

43 Galore

44 Moniker for TV's Tim Taylor

45 Make amends for

46 Sod-busting tool

47 — II (Gillette razor)

51 Stole's kin

52 — stick (jumping toy)

53 Utopia

55 The "D" of CD

58 Fate who cut the thread of life

59 Secondary option list

60 Heat to 212 degrees in advance

61 As of now

63 Old Toyota

64 Prefix with 39-Across

65 "It will come ... surprise ..."

66 East, in Bonn

67 Go — smoke

68 Bond girl player Diana

72 Hot — oven

73 "'Tis —" ("So sad")

74 Draw out

77 Like women: Abbr.

78 Same

80 No, in Selkirk

82 Lock holders

84 Kind of piano

85 Comparable things

86 Sovereign's tool

87 "I" often

87 Revised

88 Supporting

90 "C — Cookie"

91 Food tuna

93 Tricolor cat

94 Chinese fruit

95 Car security system

98 Easy putt

100 Gossip tidbits

102 Pinch into small folds

103 Good smell

104 Kind of boom

105 — the Cow (milk mascot)

109 Markdown

112 Shanghai-to-Tokyo dir.

114 Adaptable truck, briefly

115 Church perch

To Your Good Health

By Keith Roach, M.D.

Eyeglasses Cause Skin to Blister

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What causes this -- an allergy or some sort of chemical burn? The area itched yet felt like a burn and peeled after the cortisone treatment brought the blistering down. -- N.W.

ANSWER: This sounds like a case of contact dermatitis, probably related to the chemicals used in the manufacturing of the plastic. Some people are just sensitive to any of the many chemicals used; however, I am increasingly seeing bad reactions to manufactured goods, especially to those made overseas. Not every country has the same safeguards we have in place in North America.

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## 2015 Prayer Breakfast Scheduled In Frankfort

Gov. Steve Beshear and first lady Jane Beshear invite Kentuckians to participate in the 2015 Governor's Prayer Breakfast Tuesday at the Frankfort Convention Center. Dr. Matthew Sleeth, author and executive director of Blessed Earth, will deliver the keynote address.

The Governor's Prayer Breakfast is a Kentucky tradition dating back to 1965 and includes representatives of all three branches of government. Each year, this non-denominational gathering provides Kentuckians an opportunity to give thanks for blessings and ask for strength to lead the commonwealth toward a better future.

"For decades, the prayer breakfast has provided people the opportunity to slow down for a moment, take a deep breath and reflect on how to grow and serve during the upcoming year," said Beshear.

Sleeth, the featured speaker, is a former

emergency room physician and chief of hospital medical staff who resigned from his position to teach, preach and write about the biblical call to be good stewards of the earth. Recognized by Newsweek as one of the nation's most influential evangelical leaders, Sleeth has spoken to more than 1,000 churches, campuses and events, including serving as the monthly guest preacher at The Washington National Cathedral.

The 2015 prayer breakfast will also feature music from Larnelle Harris, special readings and a breakfast including bacon, country ham, eggs, grits, hash brown casserole and biscuits.

Doors open at 7:30 a.m. Eastern time, and the program will begin at 8 a.m.

Tickets are \$10 each at the door or \$125 in advance for a reserved table of 8.

For information or to reserve a table, go to <http://governor.ky.gov/prayerbreakfast>.

## Medical Helicopter Lands After Crash With Duck

By Don Wilkins  
The Messenger Inquirer

A medical helicopter carrying a patient was forced to make an emergency landing in Calhoun on Monday night.

According to Shelly Schneider, public relations specialist for Air Evac Lifeteam, a duck crashed through the helicopter's windshield about 9:41 p.m. while in flight.

She added that four people — the pilot, a paramedic, a nurse and a patient — were on board the aircraft when the collision occurred.

"The helicopter picked up the patient at Baptist Health in Madisonville and it was on its way to Louisville," said Schneider, who didn't know which hospital in Louisville the patient was bound for.

The duck entered through the left side of the windshield, which was where the patient was positioned on a stretcher.

From there, the pilot

was able to land the medical helicopter in the rear parking lot of Muster Funeral Home in Calhoun.

According to Sheriff Ken Frizzell, McLean County EMS stayed with the patient until a second medical helicopter arrived to complete the transfer.

"The other helicopter landed at McLean County High School," Frizzell said.

On Tuesday morning, Dennis Roberts, a mechanic for Air Evac Lifeteam, was at the site inspecting the damage. Feathers and remnants of the duck were visible in the rear passenger area of the helicopter.

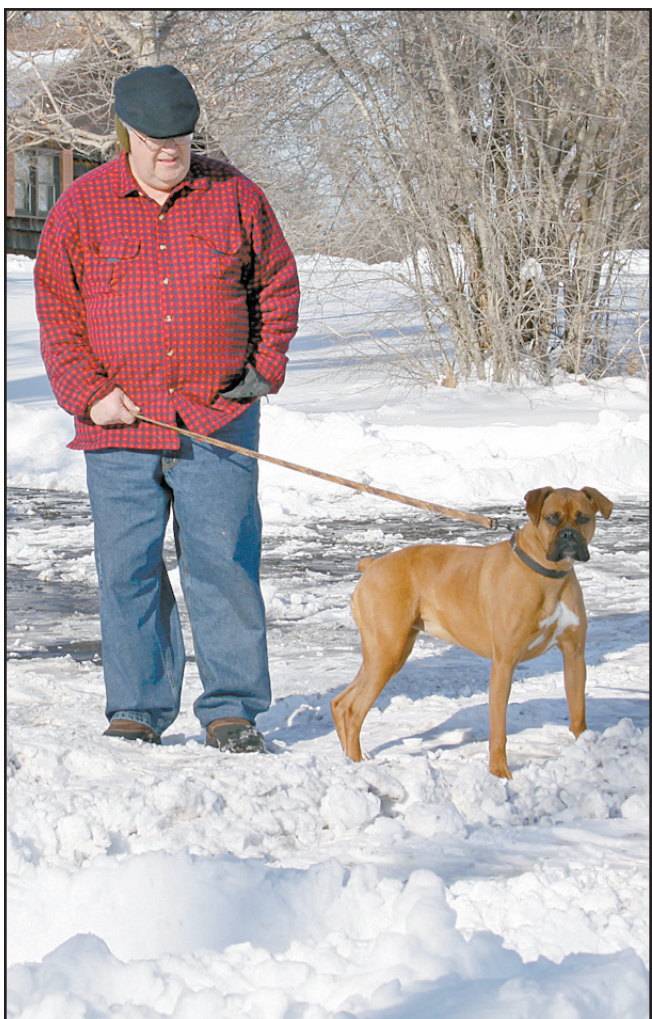
Schneider said she couldn't release any names or the condition of the patient being transported due to HIPPA regulations.

"I wouldn't say (hitting ducks) is common, but it does happen," Schneider said. "The pilot did what he was trained to do and avoided injury to everyone on board."



"HE slipped and fell on his back," was the answer five-year-old Tember Oliver gave when asked what happened to her snowman. The mishap occurred at her home on White School Road Saturday, March 7.

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DAVID SEWEL and his dog Sugar take a short walk near their Park Avenue home Thursday, March 5.

## SBDM Councils Seeking Nominations For Reps

The Dawson Springs elementary and junior-senior high schools are seeking nominations for parent representatives to the school-based decision making councils. K-6 parents will select one representative, and 7-12 parents will elect two representatives to serve July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2017.

The Dawson Springs Parent-Teacher Organization is mandated by state law, as the largest DSCS parent organization, to oversee the local election; however, it is not necessary to be a member of the PTO to be nominated or to vote.

The Kentucky Association of School Councils election guidelines stipulate that "qualified candidates must be a parent, stepparent, foster parent or another person who has legal custody of a student pursuant to a court order and with whom the student resides. The student must be preregistered to attend the school during the school term for which the candidate will serve." Parents are also required to meet these same qualifications to submit a nomination.

Parents not allowed to serve on school councils include those who work at the school or the district administrative office; plus the mother, father, brother, sister, son, daughter, husband, wife, aunt, uncle, son-in-law or daughter-in-law of a school or district employee. Local school board members or their spouses are also not allowed to serve.

Written nominations will be accepted until 3 p.m. Friday at the appropriate school office. Submissions must be signed and may include background information or prior council experience of a nominee.

Final nominees will be announced in the March 18 edition of The Dawson Springs Progress. Both the K-6 and 7-12 elections are scheduled to be held from 5:30 to 6 p.m. March 23 in the high school lobby.

For more information on school councils and their roles and responsibilities in the schools, visit the KASC website at [www.kasc.net](http://www.kasc.net). For more information on the Dawson Springs school elections, call Lori Back at 270-584-3912.

## Princeton Animal Shelter Hosting Special Events

The third annual Pins for Pets bowling tournament, sponsored by New Beginnings-Caldwell County Animal Shelter and Lucky Strike Lanes, will be held March 20 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at Lucky Strike Lanes in Princeton. Teams will consist of four people at a cost of \$15 per person. A silent auction will take

place during the event.

On March 21, the Spring "Petacular" adoption event will take place at Tractor Supply in Princeton. Adoptable pets will be on site from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Rogers Veterinary Clinic will provide rabies vaccines, and representatives from the Pit Bull Company will be present.

## Pennyrile Homemakes To Meet

The Pennyrile Homemakers will meet at 10 a.m. Friday at Pennyrile Forest State Resort Park.

For transportation or additional information about the meeting, phone JoAnn at 270-797-0906.

## Grandparent Support Group To Meet

The Pennyrile Grandparent Support Group will meet at 10 a.m. March 18 at the Pennyrile Area Development District, 300 Hammond Drive in

Hopkinsville.

For information, contact Miranda Hunt at 270-886-9484 or [Miranda.Hunt@ky.gov](mailto:Miranda.Hunt@ky.gov).



JERROL MILLER (on porch) will take a lot of good-natured teasing from his friends after the community sees him "supervising" his wife Jeanetta while she shovels the steps at their Hamby Avenue home Thursday, March 5.



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STANDING beside their igloo on Mineral Street Friday, March 6, are (above, from left) Jamie Swatzell, with twin daughters, Baylee and Ashtyn; and Brandon Cunningham and son, Brennen. At left are Brennen Cunningham, Baylee and Ashtyn Swatzell inside the igloo.